

Remarks

Claims 1 to 3 and 10 are cancelled and claims 4 and 11 to 13 are amended. Claims 4 to 9 and 11 to 13 are pending in this application of which claims 4, 11 and 13 are in independent form.

Applicants appreciatively note that claims 4 to 9 and 11 contain allowable subject matter. Accordingly, claim 4 is amended to incorporate all the features of claims 1 to 3 from which it had depended and claim 11 is also amended and incorporates all the features of claims 1 and 10 from which it had depended. Accordingly, claims 4 and 11 should be in condition for allowance. Claims 5 to 9 and 12 are all dependent from claim 4 so that these claims too should now be in condition for allowance.

Claim 13 is amended to incorporate features corresponding to claim 4 and now parallels claim 4 in an apparatus context so that this claim too should now be in condition for allowance.

On page 2 of the action, reference is made to the information disclosure statements filed on April 8, 2004 and November 9, 2004 which did not fully comply with the requirements of 37 CFR 1.98. Each of these information disclosure statements contained a publication not in the English language. Accordingly, applicants have separately submitted a supplemental information disclosure statement containing a copy of United States Patent 6,715,287 which corresponds to German patent publication DE 199 63 358 which had been submitted with the information disclosure statement filed on April 8, 2004 and a

literal translation of German patent publication DE 42 14 648 which had been submitted with the information disclosure statement filed on November 9, 2004. Applicants respectfully request that these publications now be considered and that they be made of record herein.

The application should now be in condition for allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Walter Ottesen". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Walter" and last name "Ottesen" clearly distinguishable.

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